

**Newsletter 17 November 2017**

**Messages from Head of Academy**

**THANK-YOU** for all of your support this week with Odd socks day to Pudsey Spotacular! It was lovely to see so many of you join us yesterday for our anti-bullying open afternoon. I can announce the winners of the football match tickets are:

**Brandon G, Peter K**

**Golden Book Award Winners**

Year	'Golden Child'
Reception	Scarlett Richmond
Year 1	
Year 2	Sophie Gadsby
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	



**Weekly Attendance**

(National expectation = 96%)

Class	%
Hedgehogs	<b>91.8%</b>
Butterflies	<b>97.3%</b>
Owls	<b>95.3%</b>
Badgers	<b>95.5%</b>
Foxes	<b>95.2%</b>
<b>Raffle winner</b>	

**Upcoming Events**

Tue 21st Nov	Parents Evening 3:30-6pm
Wed 13th Dec	Christmas dinner day
Wed 13th Dec	KS2 Christmas carols in church
Thur 14th Dec	2:30pm KS1 Christmas concert
Fri 15th Dec	9:30am Early Years Christmas Nativity

### Year 3/4

Our focus this week has been anti-bullying. We have looked at ways we are unique and how each of us contributes to the community that is our classroom! We found out that some of us have great talents such as being able to design and make our own clothes, beat-boxing or baking. We also looked at the different ways that bullying can happen, such as face-to-face or online. We looked at the acronym STOP (Several Times On Purpose) and what this meant too, and sang along to a very catchy song called 'Unique' by Andy and the Odd Socks!

In maths, we have continued our work on subtraction, and in English we have been changing *The Lion*, *The Witch* and *The Wardrobe* to different settings, which has resulted in great ideas and lovely stories.

Please remember PE is on a Monday, which is gymnastics with Miss Pyne, and Thursday, which is currently invasion games outside. Reading books and planners need to be brought into school daily and homework is due in on a Wednesday.

### Year 2

This week in year 2 we had a visit from a pirate who left us some clues to follow his treasure hunt. We read them really carefully and followed them and found his buried treasure. We have also been looking at the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas and next we are going to find out about which seas pirates sailed on. In maths we have continued our work on addition and subtraction using base 10 to help us partition and exchange 10's. We have adapted a pirate story in literacy by thinking of our own characters to make the story different. We came up with some fantastic new characters!



### EYFS

This week we have been working on our drama skills when we act out our Talk for Writing story. The children are becoming more confident in their story telling, developing their ideas which then extend their speech and language skills. The shared writing which we are doing is also developing the children's imaginations, giving great story tales, which we share in groups and talk about how we could improve them. We have also been taking part in anti-bullying week, making sure we are a good friend and be kind, caring and respectful of others. We had fun looking at all the odd socks we wore on Monday showing that we are all unique but have many similarities too. Thank you to the parents who came to join in with the open afternoon on Thursday, it was greatly appreciated.



### Year 5/6

This week we had our visit to Cusworth Hall to explore the lives of Victorian children. We used some of the learning from the visit to write a diary entry focusing on the lives of Victorian children in the workhouse. We have also started our new class book - *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*. Furthermore, we have taken part in anti-bullying week and we really enjoyed our parent/child workshop, where we created posters to focus on what bully is and what we can do about it. Brandon won the tickets to Doncaster Rovers - so congratulations to Brandon and his family. A great week!

### Year 1

Another very busy week in Year 1 - in English this week we started to learn a new story called *The Little Dinosaur*. The children have been writing the story and trying really hard to segment and blend the words in their sentence.

In Maths - we continued learning about addition and subtraction. The children are ready to move on next week but it would be great practice if you asked them some simple addition or subtraction questions.

As you will know it has been Anti-Bullying week - we have done some activities in class and thank you to the parents that joined us on Thursday afternoon to create a poster.

As well as all of this - we have started to learn the songs for our Christmas Performance. The children will be sent home with the words of the song next week and we would appreciate your support with helping them to learn the songs.

A big thank you for helping to raise a massive £84.14 for our Spotacular appeal for Children in Need 2017.

We also raised a fabulous £26 for our 'Odd Sock Day' on our anti-bullying week.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Safeguarding

At Highfields Primary Academy, the welfare of all our pupils is of great importance to us and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school, the Child Protection Officer is Mrs Wright. The academy has a duty to inform parents there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.



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